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ALLIED FORCES CONTINUE DRIVE

No Rest Given the Germans
by the Victorious French
and British

CHAUMES IS NOW THEIR OBJECTIVE

Stronghold Bears the Same Relation to
the Southern End of the Somme Line
That Comblès Did to the Northern
Sector.

No rest is being given the Germans by the victorious Franco-British forces on the Somme front. The British capture of the long-standing Thiepval stronghold, following closely and unexpectedly upon the capture of Comblès by the combined allied forces, was followed up last night by a new stroke on the part of the French south of the Somme, where they captured a strongly fortified wood to the east of the town. Apparently this new drive is aimed at Chaumes, which bears to the southern end of the Somme line somewhat the same relation that Comblès did to the northern sector. The French lines already have been pushed in well to the south of the town.

PARIS, Sept. 27.—The capture of Comblès with its great booty complexes what is regarded here as one of the most brilliantly executed operations of the summer campaign. The whole front of attack has been pushed forward uniformly for more than a mile. Military observers declare that the fullness of the success proves that the allies are incontestably masters of the situation. The Germans have brought up three fresh divisions against the French front and the same number against the British. On the 26th they maintained desperate

Centre Congregational Church

Installation Program.

An ecclesiastical council will meet in the church Thursday, Sept. 28, at 2.30 to examine Rev. Richard H. Clapp preparatory to his installation in the evening at 7.30, both of which sessions will be open to the public. The evening program will be especially interesting, including, besides the organ selections and hymns, the following numbers: Anthem, Festival Te Deum, Buck Scripture Lesson, Rev. A. O. Peterson of Brattleboro.

Prayer, Rev. A. V. Woodworth of West Brattleboro. Sermon, Professor John Winthrop Plattner, D. D., of Andover Theological Seminary, Cambridge, Mass. Installing prayer, Rev. Arthur P. Pratt, D. D., of Greenfield, Mass. Charge to the pastor, Rev. Howard A. Lincoln of Rochester, Vt. Charge to the church, Rev. Roy M. Houghton of New Haven, Conn. Right hand of fellowship, Rev. Charles F. Chapin of Saxtons River, Vt.

In Odd Fellows' Temple

Regular meeting of Canton Palestine, No. 3, Thursday evening, Sept. 28, at 7.30. All members are requested to make a special effort to be present.



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ARRIVED AT FORT EARLY THIS MORNING

Soldiers of First Vermont Regiment
Travel Stained and Tired, But in
Good Condition.

(Special to The Reformer.)
BURLINGTON, Sept. 27. Travel stained and tired with the 2,700-mile trip from the government mobilization camp at Eagle Pass, Texas, the members of the First Vermont regiment arrived at Fort Ethan Allen early today. They were given a rousing reception when they passed through Rutland late last night. Nearly all of the boys are in good physical condition, notwithstanding the hard trip. They traveled in three sections and Company I of Brattleboro was in the second section with companies K, L and M.

attacks and endeavored to retake Bouchevignes. Five days later the allies, resuming the attack, hurled back their line in spite of the fact that considerable advantages of ground were considered to be with the Germans.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—Between 3,000 and 4,000 prisoners were taken by the British in Monday's and Tuesday's fighting on the Somme front, according to a delayed report of Gen. Haig's activities which was given out today. The report says: "The battle continued violently during the day over the whole front between the Somme and the Ancre. Our troops were successful everywhere, carrying their attacks most brilliantly."

GOES OVER BANK IN TURNING OUT

Massachusetts Automobile Has Mishap
in South Newfane—Neither Car
Nor Occupants Much Worse.

A runabout bearing a Massachusetts registry number and containing a man and a woman, in turning out for a load of lumber near the home of M. H. Cheney in South Newfane, went over the bank this morning. While the occupants were considerably shaken up they were not injured nor was the car damaged enough to prevent them from resuming their journey. Their names were not obtained.

EXECUTE 500 VILLA ADHERENTS.

Wholesale Executions Are Taking
Place in Chihuahua City.

EL PASO, Texas, Sept. 27.—Wholesale executions are taking place in Chihuahua City following the Villa attack, it was announced at military headquarters here. Five hundred Villa adherents have been executed since the fight, the report to Gen. George Bell, Jr., states, and many other prisoners have been taken.

Gen. Bell also has a report of a skirmish at Arena, 10 miles south of Juarez, Sunday night. He says wounded Carranza soldiers have been brought back to Juarez from that station. The Carranza officials in Juarez insist that those wounded soldiers were brought from Chihuahua City after the fight with Villa forces.

A report from Chihuahua that Gen. Matias Romo had returned to that state capital with only 25 men left of his original force of 350 also was received by Gen. Bell. A prominent Mexican taken prisoner by Villa at Chihuahua City and subsequently released reached the border today and reported that he saw Villa personally and that the bandit leader walked with a crutch.

GREAT RUMANIAN VICTORY.

Details of Battle on Dobruja Front
Given in Official Report.

BUCHAREST, Sept. 27.—Details of the great battle on the Dobruja front, which lasted from Sept. 17 to 19 and ended in the decisive defeat of the Germans and Bulgarians, are given in an official statement issued by the war office today.

AMERICAN TROOPER KILLED.

American and Mexican Soldiers in a
Drunk Brawl in Saloon.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—A report on the fight between American and Mexican soldiers in a saloon near the American expeditionary base last Friday was made to the war department today by Brig. Gen. Pershing with the comment that the Carranza officials regarded the incident merely as a drunken brawl. He did not give the name of the American trooper who was killed.

WON BY THE FRENCH.

Took Strongly Fortified Wood in a
Brilliant Attack.

PARIS, Sept. 27.—A brilliant French attack east of Verdunville has succeeded in capturing a strongly fortified wood, according to an official statement issued by the war office today.

ANOTHER REVOLUTION.

Four Thousand Greek Troops Have
Joined the Insurgents.

PARIS, Sept. 27.—Greek troops in Acaea to the number of 4,000 have joined the revolutionists, according to a radial agency dispatch from Athens. Only a colonel, a few officers and 25 men remained loyal to the government.

TROOPS ORDERED FROM 13 STATES

Six Thousand More National
Guardsmen to Go into
Border Service

FUNSTON TO SEND 10,000 BACK HOME

New Order Takes Nearly All of Volunteers
Now in the Mobilization Camps,
Leaving Only 10,000 of National
Guard Not Called.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—National Guard organizations from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, District of Columbia, Virginia, New York, Alabama, Georgia, Connecticut, Florida, Michigan, Minnesota, Colorado and California were ordered today to the Mexican border by the war department.

The organizations ordered south also include Battery A, New Hampshire field artillery.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—Some 6,000 national guardsmen from 13 states and the District of Columbia were ordered to the Mexican border today by the war department and at the same time Maj. Gen. Funston was directed to select 10,000 for return to their home states. Today's order will send south virtually all of the guardsmen now in the mobilization camps of the states named and will leave only about 10,000 state troops in all the country that have not seen service on the border. Within a short time the remainder probably will be ordered out, releasing more of the organizations now under Gen. Funston's command. The gradual return of all of the guardsmen then is expected to begin.

ANOTHER TRAGEDY OF SORDID LIFE

Man Killed and Woman Wounded in
Hotel by Another, Who Then
Committed Suicide.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 27.—The woman who shot and killed J. C. Graver of New York, seriously wounded his female companion and then committed suicide in a prominent hotel here early today, has been identified as Mrs. Harry Belzer of New York by a sister of the dead man, who made the identification at the morgue. It was said that Mrs. Belzer had not been living with her husband recently. Graver, it was said, was a widower and had been very friendly with Mrs. Belzer. From cards found in the woman's handbag the police at first believed she was Mrs. J. C. LeDor. The wounded woman in the hospital, at first supposed to have been Graver's wife, has not made any statement.

MANSFIELD'S LEAD BELOW 9,000 MARK

The Plurality of State Auditor Cook on
the Republican Ticket
Is 16,158.

BOSTON, Sept. 27.—Complete returns from the state primaries yesterday, as compiled here today, showed only slight changes in the pluralities announced last night for Frederick W. Mansfield for the Democratic nomination for governor and State Auditor Alonzo B. Cook, who was renominated in the Republican contest over Joseph P. Brown. Mansfield's plurality is 9,874 and Cook's 16,158. With all the precincts in the totals were Mansfield 45,530, Cole 35,656, Cook 60,410, Brown 44,252.

126,000 UNION WORKERS ON STRIKE

State Organizer Bohn Says That 263,000
More Will Join Strikers
Ranks Tomorrow.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—Union workers to the number of 126,000 went on strike today in sympathy with the striking traction employees, according to figures given out at a meeting of labor unions. These were the figures reported to the meeting by the delegates, according to Ernest Bohn, state organizer. The trades which have responded were the United Garment Workers, six building trades unions, the paper hangers, painters, house wreckers and a number of small organizations. Bohn declared that 263,000 more would go out tomorrow.

BRITISH RELEASED.

Two Officers Had Been Detained by
Immigration Officers.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—The release of Maj. Arthur S. Humphries and Lieut. Hugh Levick, British army officers detained at Ellis island on their arrival from England, was ordered today by Commissioner General Cominetti of the immigration bureau.

WATERMAN CASE IN COUNTY COURT

Jury Drawn and Examination of Witnesses
Begun in Statutory Charge
Against Brattleboro Man.

The case of the state against L. W. Waterman of Brattleboro, charged with a statutory offense upon evidence of Dorothy Kendall, 15, of West Dummerston, was begun this morning in the Windham county court. The following comprise the jury: Edward H. Wellington of Brookline, Samuel T. Leonard of Grafton, N. F. Pierce of Jamaica, Albert S. Hayward of Londonderry, George L. Haggood and David Savage of Rockingham, Harry Howard of Townshend, W. H. Newton of Vernon, Elbridge L. Farmer of Westminster, C. A. Barker of Whitehall, A. L. Haynes of Wilmington and James M. Eastman of Windham.

State's Attorney O. B. Hughes is assisted by Attorney General Herbert G. Barber. Chase & Chase are counsel for the respondent.

The first witness called was Sheriff C. E. Mann, who identified the respondent as a public automobile driver of Brattleboro. C. E. Capron, a West Dummerston merchant, told of Waterman and another man inquiring after the girl the night she left home.

The girl in the case was the only other witness examined at the morning session. She told a story of having accepted a ride with the respondent on a rainy evening last May in company with another girl. Her companion got out of the automobile near the house where she was making her home and the witness and Waterman continued their ride until they reached a point on Maple street between the Austine Institution and Elm Corners.

Her cross-examination began when the court session was resumed this afternoon. The jury which heard the suit of Richard B. Reed against the Ilium Lumber Co., after being out over five hours, returned a verdict about 8.30 o'clock last evening in the Windham county court for the defendant. The case involved about \$350, which the plaintiff claimed was due him from the defendant company for work. The plaintiff claimed that an independent contractor, by whom he was first employed, stopped payments to him and that he resumed work on the strength of the promise of an official of the company that the company would be responsible for his pay.

BRATTLEBORO BOYS ON THE HONOR ROLL

Clyde W. Horton and Raymond C.
Brown Gain Distinction at U. V.
M.—Record Entering Class

(Special to The Reformer.)

BURLINGTON, Sept. 27.—The University of Vermont opened this morning with public exercises including an address by President Benton. Two hundred and seventy-one entrance credits have been filed. Of this number 53 were unable to attend or failed to pass the entrance examinations, leaving 218 qualified for admission. A few of these may not attend, but some others will be registered next week.

This will be the largest entering class on record, last year's entering class being 190. It was announced that the Mabel Nelson Jacobs cup, presented annually to the fraternity having the highest standing, had been awarded to the Kappa Alpha Theta society.

In the high standing list for the last half year 1915-16 Clyde W. Horton of Brattleboro, class of 1917, was one of five to have no mark below A and Raymond C. Brown of Brattleboro and Phillip F. Jones of Wilmington were among those who received no mark below B.

YOUNG WOMEN FOR MATINEE USHERS

Manager Fox Decides Upon Innovation
at Auditorium — Will Begin Saturday of This Week.

Manager George E. Fox of the Auditorium has decided upon an innovation in the matter of ushering at matinee performances. Because of the fact that the young men are busy afternoons he has arranged to have young women usher at matinees, beginning this week Saturday with the play, It Pays to Advertise. The young women secured are Miss Alma Johnson, Miss Norine Richmond, Miss Stella Gustafson, Miss Gladys Adams, Miss Dorothy Angier and Miss Ina Homers.

BAPTISTS AT CHESTER.

One of Most Enthusiastic Conventions
Ever Held in State.

CHESTER, Sept. 27.—One of the most enthusiastic state conventions of Baptist churches ever held in Vermont is now in session here with a registration of about 250 delegates and many others who are church members. Nearly every home in the three villages is entertaining from one to four guests. Dinners and suppers are served in the Congregational church parlors, where a caterer, Mr. Berger of Keene, N. H., has full charge. Interesting sessions were held forenoon, afternoon and evening yesterday, with address and sermons by prominent clergymen and laymen. In the business meeting of the Young People's society the following officers were chosen: President, C. A. Bixby of Poultney; vice president, D. W. Felch of Brattleboro; secretary, J. H. Blackburn of Fair Haven; treasurer, Oscar S. Peterson of Castleton; auditor, Arthur Crane of Burlington.

Florida's highest point is 300 feet above sea level.

TWO-SESSION PLAN FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Prudential Committee Votes
to Adopt Principal's
Recommendation

GOES INTO EFFECT FRIDAY MORNING

Letter to Parents Gives Reasons in Detail — Loss of Time Because of Delay in Opening Fall Term Not to Be Made Up.

In a meeting of the prudential committee of the incorporated school district last evening an important change in the schedule of the Brattleboro high school was adopted on the recommendation of the principal, E. B. Smith, to go into effect Friday morning of this week. In brief the change is to have the morning session open at 8 o'clock and close at 12.10 and to have an afternoon session beginning at 1.20 and closing at 2.50. This not only will give an added number of periods, but also will enable the students to have supervised study in school and will require less study at home. It is likely that the great majority of parents will approve the change for various reasons.

Another important action taken by the committee was to vote not to have the schools make up the time lost by the postponement of the opening of the fall term of school by reason of the precaution against infantile paralysis. There will be no Saturday sessions and no curtailment of vacations. The committee took this action under a statute which provides that may be done in such an emergency as has arisen here.

Principal Smith has prepared a letter to be sent to parents tomorrow explaining in detail the reasons for the new high school schedule. It is as follows:

To the Parents of Pupils in the Brattleboro High School:—
With the opening of school Sept. 18, one of the first problems to be met was the making of a program of studies. A temporary schedule has been used from day to day; but each day the "conflicts" have increased. A schedule could be arranged if more teachers were added to the high school faculty; more teachers would require more rooms and at the present time every room in the building from cellar to attic is used and many of them crowded to their capacity.

After several conferences with the teachers and numerous experiments in schedule-making, it seems practically impossible to make a program with only six periods for the school day. Some of the reasons for this are a larger entering class, the addition of new subjects, and free election of studies without close regard to rigid courses. No one desires to turn back any of the entering class—they mean so much to the school and to the town; or to drop out any of the commercial, domestic science, or manual training subjects—all new within the last few years; and with the addition of these new subjects, required subjects have grown fewer and elective subjects more numerous.

A seven-period day from 8.15 to 1 o'clock makes the study and recitation periods too short.

The only alternative seems to be seven longer periods. To arrange such a schedule it seems better to plan for both a morning and afternoon session. A two session schedule was presented to the prudential committee of the district last evening and they voted to give the new plan a fair trial.

A letter of this kind can't possibly contain all the arguments for and against the one session or two session system, but some of the reasons for trying out the new scheme are these: The periods both for study and recitation are increased to 45 minutes each; this adds 50 minutes to the time pupils are in school, consequently more time for study and better work can be done by the teachers in recitation; there will be greater opportunity for the pupils to get help from the teachers; all parents will know where their boys and girls are for the greater part of the afternoon; the noon recess is so arranged that pupils will have time to go home for the midday meal with the family; (the domestic science department will provide cocoa, hot soup, etc., at cost, if there is any demand for a hot luncheon for those children who come from a distance.)

Undoubtedly the one-session plan appeals to both teachers and pupils, but the only ones who may be seriously handicapped by the double session are those boys and girls who are working their way through high school. The number this year working out of school hours is smaller than ever, and some individual adjustments in their studies will take care of them.

The new schedule calls for these hours: School begins at 8 o'clock, but freshmen are not required to come till 8.45. There are five forty-five minute periods in the forenoon with a ten-minute recess. School will close for the noon recess at 12.10 and the afternoon session will begin at 1.20. The second session will have two forty-five minute periods, and school will close, for those whose work for the day is satisfactorily completed, at 2.50. The afternoon session

NORTHFIELD HOLDS TOWN MEETING

Appropriation of \$1,000 for Schell
Bridge and \$1,500 for Bennett Meadow Bridge—Primary Vote.

(Special to The Reformer.)
NORTHFIELD, Mass., Sept. 27. A special town meeting was held in the town hall last evening to make appropriations for bridges. It was voted to appropriate \$1,000 to repair the Schell bridge and \$1,500 to repair the Bennett Meadow bridge. The county commission has examined the Bennett Meadow bridge and has estimated that \$4,000 will be needed to put it in proper condition. The county pays a part of the cost. The under layer of planking is rotten, making the bridge dangerous. The beginning of repairs on the Schell bridge showed that extra stringers were needed to properly support it.

In the election primaries the vote was as follows: Republican—For governor, McCall 44; lieutenant governor, Coolidge 42; secretary of state, Langtry 41; treasurer, Burrill 41; auditor, Brown 14 and Cook 26; United States senator, Lodge 43; congressman, Gillett 44; councillor, Wright 41; state senator, Churchill 44; Coddell 11, Perry 8; representative to the general court, Moore 42; county commissioner, Eugene Blake 44; associate commissioner, Fay 37; Smith 37; district attorney, Schoonmaker 41; clerk of the general court, Field 43; register of deeds, Bouker 41; sheriff, James A. Bridges 43; state commissioner, Griswold 40; town committee, Charles E. Williams 34, George N. Kidder 33, George W. Carr 26, Lester A. Polhemus 37, Charles S. Warner 37. Democratic—Governor, Cole 3, Mansfield 4; lieutenant governor, Riley 7; town committee, Alton Elmer 5, Warren J. Wright 7, Lawrence F. Quinlan 7, Dwight L. Preston 6, Frank E. Aldrich 5.

WORLD'S SERIES TO START OCTOBER 7

President Johnson of the American
League Ready to Begin Preparations
at Once.

CHICAGO, Sept. 27.—The world's baseball series will open on Saturday, Oct. 7, according to President Johnson of the American league, who, as a member of the National commission, is today ready to begin preparations for the series. With the race as uncertain as it is no final action has been taken by the commission, Mr. Johnson said.

THE WEATHER.

Probably Showers and Thunder Storms
Tonight and Thursday.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—The weather forecast: Probably showers and thunder storms tonight and Thursday. Somewhat warmer tonight. Moderate to fresh south winds.

CHILDREN EXCLUDED.

Not Allowed to Attend Amusement
Places on Account of Plague.

BOSTON, Sept. 27.—Orders were issued by Mayor Curley today excluding children under 16 years from all places of amusement as a precaution against the spread of infantile paralysis. Similar orders several weeks ago applied only to the Hyde Park and East Boston districts. Twenty-eight new cases of paralysis, including eight in Boston and six in Holyoke were reported today. Today's figures bring the total for the state to 561 for the month.

FORCED TO RETREAT.

Serbian Unable to Hold Out Against
Bulgarians' Attack.

SOFIA, Sept. 27.—After 10 days of heavy fighting between Serbian and Bulgarian troops on the western end of the Macedonian front the Bulgarians forced back their opponents, compelling retreat.

Fair Trial for Primaries.

(Burlington Free Press.)

The consensus of opinion in Vermont seems to be that the direct primary needs amending, as did the original Australian ballot law in Vermont, but the state Republican convention next Thursday should pledge the direct nomination principle a fair trial in the Green Mountain state.

The people of Vermont are famous for their love of fair play, and this applies to principles of government as well as men.

If the Republican nominations in Vermont are equivalent to elections, then manifestly all the more a few men in convention should not slate nominations.

will continue till 4 o'clock, and during this time—2.50 to 4—deportment sessions," failure in recitation, landing in study period, etc., is to be taken care of. The work in domestic science, manual training, drawing, and gymnastics will all have to be placed after 2.50 in the afternoon, as the teachers of these subjects are busy with the pupils in the lower grades during the forenoon and early part of the afternoon.

There is no question of the desire of the prudential committee of the district or of the high school teachers to do the very best thing for the boys and girls now in high school. A fair trial of this new plan is asked for; will you give us your co-operation?

Respectfully submitted,
E. B. SMITH,
Principal.

BADLY GORED AS COW CHARGED DOG

West Brattleboro Farmer in
Serious Condition
in Hospital

WALKED HOME WITH INTESTINE RUPTURED

Ugly Three-Cornered Wound in Lower
Abdomen—Was Trying to Get Cow
Into Enclosure — Dog Sought Refuge
Behind Him.

Nelson Parker, 72, a West Brattleboro farmer, was badly gored by a cow yesterday and is in a serious condition, although resting as comfortably as could be expected, in the Melrose hospital, where he was taken to have his wounds dressed. If no complications develop he has a fair chance of recovery.

Mr. Parker had gone with his dog to drive a cow that had escaped from a pasture back into the enclosure. The animal, enraged at the dog, turned suddenly and charged. The dog sought refuge behind Mr. Parker, who was unable to avoid the horns of the angry animal.

One of the horns penetrated the lower abdomen, tearing an ugly three-cornered wound and ripping open the intestines, which protruded through the opening. Mr. Parker remained for some time where he had fallen and then was able to make his way to his home. His wife summoned neighbors, and Dr. E. R. Lynch was called, and Mr. Parker was taken as quickly as possible to the Melrose hospital. Mr. Parker's wound was so serious for a man of his years that his son, Theodore Parker, and daughter, Miss Gertrude Parker, both of Springfield, Mass., were sent for and reached Brattleboro last evening at 6 o'clock. Mr. Parker bought the well-known Hecock farm a few years ago.

LOCAL HORSES IN GREENFIELD RACES

Magneto Takes Third Money in 2.20
Class—Early Morn Fourth in 2.25
Class with Six Starters.

In the races at Greenfield fair yesterday Frank Larrow's Magneto took third money in the 2.20 trot and pace, won by Ray in straight heats from a field of nine starters. Magneto finished fifth, fifth and second. K. E. Mosher's Early Morn was fourth in the 2.25 trot, won by Paul M. from six starters. Early Morn finished third, third and fifth.

BOSTON BRAVES WON.

Beat Pittsburg 1-0 in the Game at Boston This Forenoon.

BOSTON, Sept. 27.—The Boston Braves won the game from Pittsburg this morning, 1-0. Both teams played errorless ball. Boston made eight hits and Pittsburg four. The batteries; Boston, Tyler and Blackburn, Gowdy; Pittsburg, Cooper and Vaughan.

We have our doubts that there's more reason than habit for calling old paintings masterpieces.



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